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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, lines 1 to 4, replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a downhole swivel joint assembly and to a method of using said swivel joint assembly and furthermore to a wellbore clean-up assembly comprising said downhole swivel joint assembly and to a method of using said clean-up assembly.

THE PRIOR ART

Page 2, line 7, replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

A first aspect of the present invention provides a downhole swivel joint assembly comprising first and second components movable relative to one another in an axial direction along a longitudinal axis of the assembly, said components being movable relative to one another in said axial direction between an unactivated configuration, in which relative rotational movement between the first and second components is prevented, and an activated configuration, in which said rotational movement is permitted; wherein the assembly further comprises means for resisting movement of said components from the unactivated

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configuration to the activated configuration, said means comprising a resiliently deformable member arranged so as to be resiliently deformed when said components are moved from the unactivated configuration to the activated configuration.

Page 5, lines 8 and 9, replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph.

Embodiments of the present invention will now be described with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 6, line 15, replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

A downhole assembly 2 according to the present invention is schematically shown in Figure 1 of the accompanying drawings. The assembly 2 functions to scrape and clean the casing of a wellbore during a downhole clean-up operation. To this end, the downhole assembly 2 comprises an upper brush/scraper assembly 4 comprising brushes 6 and scrapers 8 for engaging with a 9% inch wellbore casing 10. Downhole of the upper brush/scraper assembly 4, the downhole assembly 2 comprises a multi-cycle circulating sub 12 having vent apertures 14 through which cleaning fluid may pass from a longitudinal bore (not shown in Figure 1),

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running through the assembly 2, to the exterior of the downhole assembly 2. Thus, during use of the downhole assembly 2, the multi-cycle circulating sub 12 may, through an appropriate repeated application of fluid pressure, be cycled between open and closed configurations in which the vent apertures 14 are themselves open or closed. With the vent apertures 14 open (the open configuration), cleaning fluid may be ejected into the annulus 16 between the 9% inch wellbore casing 10 and the downhole assembly 2. The presence of the cleaning fluid in the annulus 16 assists in the clean-up operation. Suitable multi-cycle circulating subs for use in the downhole assembly 2 is described in GB 2 314 106 and GB 2 377 234, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference. However, for the reader's ease of reference, one of the circulating subs disclosed in GB 2 377 234 will now be described below.